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CAMBIANO, GRADY RE-ELECTED AT STATE CARPENTER PARLEY; 35-HOUR WORK WEEK IS URGED

Joseph F. Cambiano, president of the California State Council of Carpenters since its inception 20 years ago, was re-elected at the council's San Jose convention last week to serve his 21st term. Cambiano, member of San Mateo Carpenters Union 162, is an international representative for the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.



JOSEPH F. CAMBIANO

Harry C. Grady, of Oakland, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Cecil O. Johnson, of San Pedro, was re-elected vice president, at conclusion of the four-day convention which resulted in a resolution calling for a 35-hour week to alleviate unemployment.

Others elected were five district members of the council executive board, including Joseph M. Skelton, of Hollywood; B. M. Segress, of Fresno; Victor LeChappelle, of Sacramento; W. P. Kelly, of San Francisco, and C. W. Mitchell, of Riverside.

San Diego was selected as 1950 convention city.

Nearly 250 delegates gathered for the carpenters convention and nearly 100 wives were on hand for the convention of the State Carpenters Auxiliary, held concurrently.

The convention was opened last Thursday with a meeting of the carpenters aprenticeship committee, at which B. R. Mathis, western regional supervisor of the U. S. Department of Labor apprenticeship program, was keynote speaker.

Mathis declared that public schools were failing in their responsibility by over-emphasizing colege preparatory work and not providing instruction in industrial arts and vocational guidance.

On Friday morning the convention opened officially with nearly a score of dignitaries introduced and with speakers including Alexander Watchman, of the State Industrial Accident Commission; C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor; John F. Dalton, State labor commisioner; Anson Boyd, state architect; Arthur I. Chladek, public housing director; Clarence Todd, prominent labor attorney, and others.

A number of resolutions of importance were adopted by the convention, including the following:

Creation of the 35-hour work week to provide more employment.

Completion at once of the Folsom Dam across the American River and piping of American River water to Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and San Benito counties.

Creation of clinics in each locality to aid industrial accident victims in presenting claims for compensation.

Condemnation of the Cardinal Mindszenty prosecution.

Adoption of a state law creating a $1.00 per hour minimum wage.

Adoption of a program whereby any carpenter sent to jobs in remote areas will receive adequate travel time pay.

Adoption of uniform methods for clearing of apprentices.

Re-adoption of the minimum standards for candidates for admission to any Carpenters Union, the standards having been relaxed during the war.

Entertainment for the delegates and their wives included "open house" parties at the new Labor Temple in San Jose, plus tours through the new building, and a gala dinner Saturday night at the Sainte Claire Hotel.

The convention committee for the convention included F. O. Jorgensen, secretary of the Santa Clara Valley District Council of Carpenters; Vernon Swain, business representative; George Smoot, James Hibbert and Harry Jackson.

TO UNION CARPENTERS

At the last general convention of the United Brotherhood, an amendment to the Constitution, pertaining to members in arrears, was introduced. This amendment was later adopted by a referendum vote of the membership. The section as amended now reads:

Par. A, Sect. 45. When a member owes a sum equal to three months' dues, he is not in good standing and is thereby suspended from all donations until three months from the date he has paid said arrearages, which payment must include the payment of dues for the month in which said payment is made. A member must square all arrearages in full within one year or stand suspended.

This means that your dues must be paid in full at least once a year, or you will be dropped from the union.

Keep your dues paid up.

It is cheaper to pay dues than a new initiation fee.

Red Cross Dance Plans Progress; Donations Asked

Arrangements for Organized Labor's benefit dance on Friday, March 25, for the Salinas Red Cross campaign are showing good progress and a big crowd is expected, but union members are asked to make contributions for the Red Cross through their unions as well as through purchase of dance tickets.

Organized Labor will receive full credit for Red Cross contributions made by union members, the campaign committee announced. Heretofore donations have been recorded on an individual basis or under name of the plant or firm by which the worker was employed.

Under the new plan, employers will still be collectors where the worker wishes to contribute on the job, but credit will be given the union of which the worker is a member.

The Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas is engaged in an active program of educating workers as to the important work of the Red Cross and is soliciting generous contributions.

Unions have been sent necessary receipts, Red Cross buttons, and other material to give to members.

The proposed benefit dance is separate and apart from the direct contributions. The dance, a public venture, will be held at the Bird's Nest hall, at the Salinas Airport, with music by Jim DeNoon's Melody Rangers. Entertainment is an added attraction.

All proceeds from the dance, except for costs and taxes, will go to the Red Cross fund.

Big Addition At P.B. Lodge Is Announced

Workmen are waiting call to start on a $250,000 addition to the lodge at Pebble Beach, Monterey union officials said last week.

Planned in the project are 20 new units to the lodge.

Contractor is Barrett & Hilp of San Francisco.

Carpenters 925 Salinas Armory Remodeling Due

Plans for remodeling of the big State National Guard Armory in Salinas have been disclosed.

The plans call for remodeling and enlarging the interior and for some extensive accoustical work, according to union officials.

New Telephone

With the increased number of telephone calls due to the approach of major construction on the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam plant at Moss Landing, Salinas Carpenters Union 925 has had a new telephone line and number installed.

The number for Salinas Carpenters Union 925 now is Salinas 9293, it was announced last week.



T-H FIGHT BRINGS FLOOD OF MAIL.—If you're interested in repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act now is the time to write your congressman and tell him how you feel about the matter. Thousands of letters, pro and con, are pouring into Washington on the vital labor law issue. Here Senator Irving M. Ives (R., N.Y.) works with three helpers sorting the 20,000 letters he has received.

Chicago Electricians Slash Prices at Big Clothing Sale

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—Without waiting for retail stores to cut their prices, Chicago's biggest local union is running an Easter clothing sale of its own for the union's 14,000 members and their families.

Local 1031, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL), has acquired a $100,000 stock of men's and women's garments, which are offered at wholesale prices in the union's hall.

Begun Friday, March 4, the sale has been going like a house afire, with 19 girls and 8 men (all Local 1031 members currently unemployed) serving as clerks and wrappers. Replacements arrived daily by air express from New York.

A pair of nylons, 51 gauge, 15 denier, worth $1.39 on the open market in Chicago's Loop, goes to Local 1031 members for 89 cents. Dresses advertised for $25 retail in the downtown stores sell for $14 to $16 to the electrical workers.

McGregor jackets for men, offered in the full page ad in Chicago newspapers for $22, turn over at $13.50 in the union's clothing shop.

The clothing sale is the union's second venture into merchandising to protect its members from effects of inflation in prices of essential commodities. During the winter of 1947-1948, when food prices were so high, the union opened its own grocery, spent $15,000 for equipment, kept $70,000 to $80,000 worth of stock on hand, and retailed butter, eggs and canned goods at low prices for five months.

M. F. Darling, president and business manager of Local 1031, said the union will abandon the clothing market as soon as prices come down, as it abandoned the food market when prices became more reasonable.

One of the youngest unions in the city, chartered in 1937, Local 1031 never has called a strike or work stoppage of any kind during its short history, but its members earn the highest pay in the electrical and radio industry. Assembly girls, the lowest paid classification, earn $1.20 an hour.

The union represents employes in 44 Chicago radio, television and electrical appliance factories. It organizes vertically, taking in all but executive and office help. Highest paid job classification represented is the toolmakers, who earn $2.15 per hour.

Probably no union ever had larger attendance at monthly meetings —usually 2,500 to 3,000.

The monthly meetings usually are short, followed immediately by dancing to a 10-piece orchestra, with accompanying floor show of top comedy names. The union bar is then opened with mixed drinks retailing for 25 cents, and the city's biggest 10-cent glass of beer available to the membership.

Entertainment programs include a wrestling show every Thursday night and a boxing show every Friday night, televised. The union owns its building, a modern four-story structure formerly occupied by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Darling is believed to be the only union agent in the country who carries a mobile telephone unit in his auto. He needs it, to service the 44 units of his local in all sections of the city.

Birthday Pay Won In Union Contract

Philadelphia.—Here's something new in collective bargaining achievements:

Under a contract just negotiated between the Teamsters and the Keystone Brass and Rubber Company, each of the firm's 60 employees will receive a holiday with pay on his birthday—or double pay if he chooses to work rather than celebrate.

Weather Fails To Halt Work On PGE Project

Stormy weather and improper drainage on the Moss Landing site for the new Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam plant, being erected by Stone & Webster, nationally known contractors, have failed to stop work on the project, according to Business Agent George R. Harter of Carpenters Union 925.

Harter said the contractors are furnishing rubberized rain clothing for all workmen who wished to continue work, rain or shine, and a great number of the workers are staying on the job, despite rain and wind and floods. ....

A new steward has been named by Local 925 for the project. Pete Cremona is the union's head steward and Ernest Bostick has been named assistant steward to help Cremona check into conditions on the vast project .

A total of 105 union carpenters were employed at the first of this week in the construction of footings and other preliminary work on the project.

(See column, "Carpenter Roundup," for further details.)

Naslund Active As Salesmen's Union Organizer

Carl Naslund has been named organizer in the Salinas area for Professional Salesmen's Union 1597, according to William G. Kenyon, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas. All union members in the Salinas area are urged to request any door-to-door salesmen to show his card as a member of Salesmen's Union 1597, Kenyon added.

Local 1597 has been given full cooperation and approvel of the San Francisco Labor Council and has promised that the "One time Boys" and the "Gimmick deals" will not be tolerated.

Union salesmen may handle any product sold in good faith, but salesmen who are not members of the union usually cannot be relied upon in their sales programs, according to Kenyon.

Be sure to ask ALL salesmen who contact you to show a union card, Kenyon urges.

Painters See Plenty of Work

Work for painters of Monterey Painters' Union 272 has showed a slight improvement and is expected to boom as soon as bad weather ends, Business Agent Jim Bolin reports.

Bolin said most of the union membership was busy on interior projects during the rainy weather and that outside work has piled up to great proportions as a result of prolonged inclement weather. When the oitside work is able to get started, all members will have work for a long time, he added.

More than 200,000 different chemical compounds have been made from the dozen or more hydrocarbons found in coal tar.

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(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—The Federation strongly urges all of its affiliated organizations to wire Senators Downey and Knowland, requesting that they support Senate Bill 249, ordering the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, which was favorably reported without amendments by the Senate Labor Committee.

Washington has been flooded with communications as a result of the drive of the National Association of Manufacturers and various industrial organizations requesting that the Taft-Hartley Act be maintained, with all of its vicious provisions.

The fight is centering on Administration Bill 249, which the Labor Committee of the Senate has reported out and which would eliminate the prejudicial clauses which have victimized the labor unions since the enactment of the Act.

A concerted, nationwide effort is being made to influence Congress, as evidenced by the great amount of advertisement and the elaborate mailing conducted by these industrial concerns to mobilize public opinion behind the Taft-Hartley Law. The campaign is aimed to discredit the Administration's effort to repeal the clauses against which labor has been fighting and which have interfered destructively with labor-management relations.

The House Labor Committee is conducting hearings at the present time on a companion measure and it will be necessary for the unions to wire the congressmen of their respective districts to support that measure.

Unless labor meets this challenge, it is conceivable that many congressmen will be impressed by the avalanche of messages they are receiving from business favoring the retention of the Taft-Hartley Act. The Federation wishes to stress the importance of the unions taking action on this matter at once.

Geo. Klakamp, Bartender, Dies

Death last week claimed George Klakamp, popular bartender member of Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 493 of Monterey, Secretary George L. Rice reported.

Brother Klakamp was a retired master sergeant from the U. S. Army of World War I, and was about 70 years of age, Rice said. He was a charter member of Local 483 and was well liked by his countless friends in the Monterey area. His last place of employment was the Horshoe Bar.

Raleigh Premiums Back

Louisville.—Along with the glow coming from smoking union made cigarettes, Raleigh users once again can redeem coupons for merchandise premiums. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. has announced that its gift offers, discontinued because of wartime shortages, have been resumed.

Tell Senators To Back Repeal Bill; Act Now

URGENT! IMMEDIATE ACTION!

To All Unions:

"Senate Labor Committee ordered Taft-Hartley Repeal Bill S. 249 favorably reported without amendments. Wire your Senators to support bill as reported and have your locals and individuals do likewise. OPPONENTS FLOODING SENATORS WITH COMMUNICATIONS with but few from our people despite my recent letter."—WILLIAM GREEN.

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To All Unions:

"Please act immediately. S. B. 249 repealing the Taft-Hartley law is on Senate floor. Wire and have members wire immediately to Senators Downey and Knowland, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., urging they vote for bill as reported out of committee."—JOHN S. SHELLEY, president, California State Federation of Labor.

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Every union and all members that possibly can do so are urged to act immediately on these requests. Briefly and in your own words, write a card or letter, send an airmail letter, or, best of all, send a telegram to each of the two California Senators, telling them to support Senate Bill 249, repealing the Taft-Hartley law, AS IS.

Our election mandate of November 2, 1948 for repeal of T-H is being checked by our enemies, the wealthy special interests of the country, who are staging the biggest campaign in history to keep this union-busting law on the books and defeat our votes with their money.

Protect union democracy and effectiveness, protect your job and pay check. Act NOW in this matter!

Look for Teamster Shop Card



When you go shopping for gasoline, oil, tires, tire repair, and general car service, look first for the union shop card of the Teamsters Union, shown in replica here.

This is the suggestion of General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers Union, Local 890 of Salinas and vicinity.

Official list of service stations and tire service that are now entitled to carry the Teamsters Union Shop Card, was announced by Local 890 this week. These firms and their addresses are as follows:

SEARS GAS ISLAND, located in the shopping center on South Main street.

LAMAR SERVICE, at Alisal and Felice street.

DEANE TIRE SERVICE, at East Gabilan and Monterey streets.

FIRESTONE STORES, at East San Luis and Monterey streets.

All union members, their families, and friends, are herewith urgently requested by Local 890 to look for the shop card before patronizing any service stations or tire services.

Unions Called For Workers On Prison Job

Efforts of building trades unions in the Salinas area to win work being performed by prison labor at the Soledad medium-security state prison were bearing fruit last week when six union carpenters were called for Tuesday of this week.

George R. Harter, business agent of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, said the matter of referring the carpenters to the job was held up pending action by the union membership at this week's meeting, scheduled Tuesday night.

Harter said his investigation showed that only a part of the construction being done by prison labor was being changed over to union workmen and added that clarification of the situation was necessary before men would be sent to the job. He asked the union's Arbitration Board for authority and the Board referred the matter to the union membership meeting.

Union officials had protested vigorously against use of prisoners on construction work for the new state prison and had been told that this was a state policy. Protests finally reached Governor Warren and Anson Boyd, state architect, and the agreement to shift to free labor was won by the unions.

The call for the six carpenters was the first step to change the projects to free labor, Harter pointed out. Whether or not the union carpenters will want to work on the building while prisoners are erecting a nearby structure remained to be seen, Harter added.

K. of P. Hall Wiring Begins

Louis Electric Co. of Salinas last week started wiring of the new Knights of Pythias lodge hall and club rooms, located on the Monterey Highway (South Main St.) just south of the new Valley Center business development, according to Carl Lara, representative of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243.

PAINTERS BACK "CLEAN-UP" WEEK IN SALINAS; PLAN FREE JOB ON SOME NEEDY BUILDING

Painters Union 1104 of Salinas is giving full support to the Salinas "Clean-Up, Paint-Up and Fix-Up Week" and will donate labor for painting the building of some non-profit organization which shows greatest interest in the clean-up program, union Secretary Carl Lara reported.

The week for renovating the city's buildings has not been set definitely but the entire campaign will be from March 21 to April 15 and the "week" designation probably will go to the final week of the period, Lara said.

Local 1104 and other building trades unions of the area have endorsed the "clean-up week" effort and other donations of work are seen as a possibility, according to reports.

Lara said Local 1104 is asking all non-profit organizations which have their own buildings to send in letters requesting paint donations, the letters to go to the Salinas city committee, which will determine which building is to have the paint job.

The committee probably will take pictures of all buildings listed with them. In order to qualify for free painting, the building owners or occupants must show good faith by "fixing-up" and "cleaning-up," such as yard work, fence repairs, etc. Pictures taken after work of fixing up is done will be studied to show most co-operation and the committee will base its decision on this for the donation.

Further details of the program will be announced from time to time, Lara added.

Laborers Await End of Storms; Work Improving

Members of Salinas Laborers Union 272 are hoping for a quick end of the stormy weather of recent days in order to catch up on work, opportunities for which are growing daily, according to Union Business Agent J. B. McGinley.

About 100 laborers are employed at the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. job in Moss Landing despite bad weather and more will get employed as soon as the ground there dries, according to reports.

McGinley said among new projects planned are:

A new school addition in the prunedale area, test holes for which are being dug now and plans are nearing completion.

Addition to the school at Greenfield, with Fremont Consthuction Co. of Castroville low bidder on the project.

Unions Protest Barring Agents PG&E Job Rules

Official protests have been filed with the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas against the prohibitions being enforced by Stone & Webster, general contractors, against union officials contacting the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam plant job at Moss Landing at any time.

Spearheaded by Teamsters Union 890, the union protest charges that the personnel manager of Stone & Webster will not allow any union business agent to enter the project without first getting a pass from the personnel office and the protests state further that the personnel manager wants to limit passes to only certain officials.

Pointing out that telephone service connects the personnel office to all areas, the union officials have voiced fear that possibly the delay at the entrance is to give time for telephoning certain sections of the project in order to halt discrepancies on work and conditions before union officials can reach the scene for a personal check.

The labor council is studying the matter and is trying to get full-time passes for all union business agents, to avoid delays and to keep the job fully covered at all times, it was reported.

Paint Contractor Dies Suddenly

Paul Shortridge, Watsonville painting contractor who has had good relations with Salinas Painters Union 1104, died last week following a heart attack.

Union Business Representative Carl Lara said Mr. Shortridge has been using local men in painting of apartment buildings and homes in Salinas and Castroville areas.

Brigoulis Painting Co. of San Francisco is using local men for the repainting and re-decorating of the S. F. Coffee Shop in downtown Salinas, according to Carl Lara, secretary of Salinas Painters Union 1104.

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USING YOUR POLITICAL POWER

Labor is organizing politically throughout California. All unions affiliated with the California State Federation of Labor are being asked to contribute a 3 cent per capita each month starting as of March 1st. To comply with this request is important but what is far more important than this cost of a postage stamp each month is that the members of organized labor pitch in to help do the work that is needed to be done in order that the political power of the organized workers of California may become as effective as is humanly possible.

It is not only presidential elections that the newly organized political education league of California labor will concern itself with. There are city elections, county elections and the state election of 1950, that lie before us. In order to be prepared to take an intelligent and effective part in these elections labor must start work now. Why labor has lost so frequently in the past is that usually little or nothing has been done till election day was so near at hand that it was too late to have a voice in the all important matter of selecting candidates or determining what should be the issues of the election. Labor possesses tremendous political power but the workers must get down to earth and make the necessary preparation to use that power in order to get somewhere.

DUTY OF EACH MEMBER

Organizations of the past have crumbled and gone out of existence. That is what happened to the labor guilds that preceded modern trade unions. Will our unions of today survive or will they, too, pass out of the picture and leave those who work for a living defenseless and helpless?

That will all depend upon what the majority of the workers do about it. At the present time only one-fourth of the sixty million people, who are employed at doing various tasks, are organized. For the 25 per cent who are organized to get the 75 per cent who are not organized to become members of unions to which they are eligible to belong is the first stupendous task that confronts organized labor today. It is every member's duty to do his best to help complete this task. Let every union member get three unorganized working people to join a union. To achieve this is labor's first and greatest need today.

But after that enlarged membership has been attained and all the while during which the organized workers are bringing the unorganized into the union fold both old and new members must learn to use their political power to protect and defend all our unions from being outlawed, as they most certainly will be, unless labor itself comes to the rescue.

GRAFTING WITH OUR MONEY

Some of the slimiest graft that has been and still is prevalent in the United States is that connected with government purchases not only of war supplies but of goods bought to supply relief in Europe and other countries.

Our government is having war planes built that now cost five times as much as similar planes cost us while the late war was still on. Shipping companies are charging such high freight rates to Europe for Marshall plan relief that the director recently directed American bottoms be not used because of the excessive charges, but changed the order for the present with the explanation that foreign ships were not available in sufficient numbers to move the relief goods to Europe. Cost of the goods shipped to Europe is reported to be far in excess of what such goods are sold for in New York and other places, here in the United States where prices are still excessively high. Yet cases are cited where the selling price of goods going to Europe are padded one-third extra, so that three million dollars buys only two million dollars worth of goods. What is this extra million dollar charge but unadulterated graft? We pay three million dollars, while Europe gets only two million dollars worth of goods. What ails our administrators?

NOW OR PROBABLY NEVER

All those American citizens, who helped elect Truman and a majority of the members of both houses, are intently watching how the measures they were elected to enact into law are being bounced around by filibustering reactionaries. It is up to the Democrats to apply the power of their majority and make good their promises, nor had they better wait too long about doing it either.

When the members of our unions, who do the work of our industries and the dirt farmers who produce the food for all of us, learn to join hands politically the comparatively small minority remaining won't have so much to say as they do now.



BEANS AND BALONEY

(There are some things you ought to know about profits and some things you ought not to know about profits. To keep you reliable, we hereby present a special article by Porcine McProtein, president of the American Bean Co. Mr. McProtein calls his article Your Sacred Obligation—My Profits.)

I am the man who discovered that the difference between Baked Beans (with Pork) and Vegetarian Baked Beans is an inch-square piece of limp bacon rind. I am also the founder of American Bean, which packages and distributes Anchor Brand Navy Beans, Anvil Brand Baked Beans, Bladder Brand Kidney Beans and Beansie-Weansies, the Explosive Breakfast Food. So I guess I know my beans.

I'm going to come to the point immediately, like my personnel manager's head. PROFITS ARE TOO LOW. AMERICAN BEAN DIDN'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY LAST YEAR.

It cost us more to buy beans. It cost us more to cook beans. It cost us more to distribute beans and sell them. On each navy bean sold, we made but .0000000002 cents. Profits were even lower on kidney and baked beans, and on each krispy, krunchy kernel of Beansie-Weansies we took a horrible trouncing.

The sad truth is that organized labor didn't buy enough beans during 1948. They let American Bean down.

Our prices weren't so much higher during 1948 than during 1947, and what increase there was you can blame on organized labor. For example, the union demanded a wage increase and it cost us $14 million in newspaper ads before they finally settled for 8c an hour. That 8c had to be passed on to the consumer, naturally, so we raised the price of beans 15c.

Then we had to spend $13 million more on newspaper ads to denounce the farmers who were demanding more for raw beans.

Nor did the fierceness of modern competition (there is another bean manufacturer in New Zealand) allow us any profit leeway. In order to maintain the quality of our product, we had to institute the multi-million-dollar Bean Research Institute, staffed by the world's most accomplished bean testers. Each noon they eat sample beans. Shortly thereafter they each issue a report.

You like to listen to the radio, don't you? What do you think we used to pay for the Sunday Evening Bean Hour—hay?

Where does all the money come from? Right! It comes out of your pocket. And in return you get those crunchy, nut-brown nuggets of sheer goodness, American Beans. But what do I get? Grief. That's what I get.

I try to put out a superior bean and I get grief from people who think profits should be eliminated. Why, if you eliminated profits, what would happen to the profit motive? And if there were no profit, there obviously wouldn't be any beans. Everybody knows that.

So have your choice. On one hand, chaos, inflation, suppression of liberties, no beans and lower profits. On the other hand, freedom, higher profits, more beans and a happy Porcine McProtein.

In order to achieve this goal, all you have to do is tighten your belt, take a wage cut, buy more beans and face the future with a smile.

In other words, I am opposed to a Fourth Round of Wage Increases.

Rent Control in Danger as House Gets Weak Bill

Washington (LPA) — Rent control legislation is in serious jeopardy, union men warned this week, as the House Banking Committee wrestled with a draft of a bill to extend rent control beyond the March 31 expiration date of the present law.

A vast letter-writing campaign to members of the House, sparked by the landlords' and real estate lobby, has been filling up Congressional mailbags during the past weeks.

"Unless tenants start making themselves heard while the bill is in the Senate Banking Committee, which scheduled hearings to begin March 7th, they're going to wake up and find their rents boosted way up and their tenancy threatened," one union housing expert warned.

Members of the Senate subcommittee which will deal with rent control, and who can perhaps repair the damage done in the House, are: Chairman John Sparkman (D., Ala.) and Democrats Burnet Maybank (S. C.), John Wagner (N. Y.), Paul Douglas (Ill.), and Republicans John Bricker (Ohio), Ralph Flanders (Vt.) and Cain (Wash.).

Varnishes are composed of resins, oils and thinners; rosin and synthetics are used for resins; tung, linseed, soy and fish oils are the most commonly used; thinners are turpentine or petroleum derivatives, or alcohol or acetates.

Facts on Lead Poison

Workers may be exposed to poisoning from lead in over 150 industries, including lead mining, wet battery work, oudoor painting, pottery glazing, welding and soldering, metalizing, ship scrapping, and handling of high-test gasoline.

By far the greatest number of cases of lead poisoning in industry are due to breathing in the lead dust and fumes over a period of time. Lead may also be absorbed from swallowing lead compounds, but such cases of lead poisoning do not usually occur in industry.

Tetraethyl lead, as found in gasoline, can be absorbed through the skin and cause poisoning in this way. However, this type of poisoning is not common.

THE SYMPTOMS

The worker with lead poisoning may develop various types of symptoms. There may be loss of appetite, a metallic taste, constipation or abdominal cramps. There may be weakness or paralysis of certain muscles, particularly those of the forearms and hands. In severe cases this may result in the socalled "wrist drop."

A worker with lead poisoning may also suffer from headaches, a tired feeling, weakness, joint and muscle pains, and insomnia (inability to fall asleep). Of course, just having some of these complaints doesn't necessarily mean that you have lead poisoning. But it does mean that you ought to get a checkup by a doctor.

In order to tell whether the complaints are due to lead poisoning or not, the doctor should question the worker carefully about possible exposure to lead. He should also make a thorough physical examination.

LABORATORY TESTS

Laboratory tests are very important; these include blood counts to pick up certain changes which occur in the red blood cells in lead poisoning, as well as examinations of the urine and blood for their lead content.

Lead poisoning can be prevented. Lead dust and fumes should be removed by exhaust ventilation at the spot where they are produced. There should be adequate fresh air ventilation in all workrooms. Workrooms should be vacuum-cleaned, or only wet brushing and sweeping should be allowed. Cleaning should be done after working hours.

It is very important to test the air of workrooms for lead regularly, and to keep the concentration of lead in the air below the danger point. It is also very important to have a thorough medical examination of all workers exposed to lead at least once every six months.

Unions should insist on these precautions in order to protect workers from lead poisoning. Neglect of such measures can only result in a great deal of unnecessary sickness and disability.

ONE STRIKE LEADS TO ANOTHER — Invoking a state law which bars strikes by public employes, the city manager of Yonkers, N.Y., has fired 500 AFL and CIO workers who quit their jobs in protest against the discharge of sanitation workers who refused to cross an American Federation of Musicians (AFL) picketline. Here an AFM picket strolls along past some uncollected garbage outside the Polish community center where the musicians are striking.

GRIN or GROAN

The boss says he doesn't go for those "Do It Now" office signs any more.

"I put up a number of those signs," he says. "Within a few days the cashier had absconded with $20,000, the bookkeeper had eloped with his secretary, four clerks had demanded a raise, and the office boy went to Hollywood to work in the movies."

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A firm of shipowners wired one of their captains: "Move heaven and earth, but get here by Friday." Just as they were becoming anxious they got their reply: "Raised h--- and arriving Thursday."

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Early rising is merely a question of mind over mattress.

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"Are they in love?"

"Madly. She listens to him describe a basketball game and he listens to her tell how a friend's dress is made."

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Attorney: "Now tell the court exactly what passed between you and your wife during the altercation."

Defendant: "Six plates, a rolling pin, a teakettle and a flatiron."

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Customer (to waitress): "This is supposed to be an oyster stew, but I haven't found a single oyster in it."

Waitress: "Well, if you had an Irish stew, would you insist that there be an Irishman in it?"

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We wish the government would print more two dollar bills. They are so handy when you buy a dollar's worth of anything these days.

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He: "You ought to see the beautiful new altar in our church."

She: "Lead me to it."

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When we mentioned that insurance statistics show that at age 85 there are seven women for every man, Bill Smock asked, "What difference will it make then?"

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Her father: "And what are your prospects?"

Her suitor: "Pretty good, unless your daughter has misled me."

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A bus driver was filling out a report about a breakdown on the highway. When he came to the line "Disposition of Passengers" he wrote: "Mad as hornets."

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"Is your wife a good driver?" asked Brown.

"Well," replied White, "I don't exactly know whether she's a good driver, or whether all those she meets are."

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"What makes you think Junior will be a politician?"

"I'll tell you," replied the father. "He can say more things that sound well and mean nothing than any other kid I ever saw."

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"Well, Bill," said his friend, "I hear you've been advertising for a wife. Get any replies?"

"Yes—hundreds," replied Bill.

"You did? What did they say?"

"They all said, 'You can have mine,'" said Bill dolefully.

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The first thing to learn about driving an automobile is how to stop. The same applies to making a speech.

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If anyone doubts the power of the press, this item taken from a mid-west weekly should reassure them: "Owing to the overcrowded condition of our columns a number of births and deaths are unavoidably postponed until next week."

Your TV Set May Be Junk

The users of television sets may bless him, but Senator "Ed" Johnson (Dem., Colo.) won't win any popularity contest with radio manufacturers and broadcasting magnates. He boldly steps on their toes, and they fear his power as chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

Johnson's latest step is a bill which would require manufacturers to paste on their television sets a warning that they may soon become obsolete, because of new developments in that fast-growing field.

As the senator puts it: "The television equipment you buy today for $200 to $1,000 may, in a few months or years, be junk."

Johnson recently wrote a letter warning the Federal Communications Commission that increasing monopoly of radio broadcasting is a danger to democracy, and asking the commission what it plans to do about it.

F. C. C. ANSWERS "ED"

This week, F. C. C. Chairman Wayne Coy replied that "a comprehensive investigation of the radio networks is long overdue."

As the commission has been regulating radio networks since their infancy more than 20 years ago, it shares the responsibility for the monopoly mentioned by Johnson, and should scarcely need another investigation to uncover the facts.

Coy and other commissioners also answered Johnson's questions about how soon present television sets may become obssolete. Commissioner Robert F. Jones said "color television can be provided now."

All commissioners said they are considering transferring television broadcasting from its present "very high frequency" (VHF) wave bands to "ultra high frequency" (UHF) bands.

Either color television or the switch to "UHF," of course, would "junk" the present television sets.

John L. Says —

"The smartest political move the anti-labor Republican politicians can make is to sever their relationship with the slave-minded Southern Democrats."—The United Mine Workers Journal.

Your Rent Will Go Up If Wealthy, Sinister Forces Win

By BRADFORD V. CARTER

Here in Washington, we're being exposed to a new front for the real estate lobby.

On the surface, it's composed of several hundred ladies who aren't ageing too gracefully, plus a handful of elderly men. There's the little old lady from Akron who weeps when she tells yo uabout her cruel treatment at the hands of the local rent control officials. There's the Rev. Murphy, a re-tired Oklahoma preacher with a weather-scarred face and a shiny suit, and his story about how he believes men should be free. They're all members of the Property Owners League of America.

Then, after a couple of days, the front began to fall apart. Whenever you saw Rev. Murphy, there was also a blond gentleman with a strictly -city-slicker camels hair coat. His name was William Schmidt. He's a big property owner in Chicago, and reporters who asked too many questions of the preacher soon found that he's sticking with the ex-Reverend as close as a bodybuard.

HOW THEY OPERATE

The The little old lady from Akron began to repeat on her act. On two successful days she wept on the shoulder of the same Congressman's secretary, and word got around. "We don't dare let her go around alone," a landlady from New Jersey confided to me. "You know, she gets people mad. I think you catch more flies with sugar Aren't you afraid that rents will go out of sight if you get your way, I asked a group of the hatchet-faced ladies outside a Congressional hearing room. "Some will do it, but this time we're organized and we'll crack down on them," they said proudly. "It's not the way it was a year ago. We've got our Association now."

Who brought the ladies here? Who's paying their hotel bills and train fares? Who has their schedules organized, and who meets with them to instruct them each evening? It's the same men who have fought every rent control or build-more-housing measure since 1933.

This is a $3,000,000 lobby, charges Sen. Adolph Sabath (D., Ill.), the man with the longest service in the House of Representatives, and an old hand at exposing the machinations of special profit pressure groups.

SINISTER FORCES

If we lost the protection of rent controls, we can charge it, not to the relatively harmless fanatic types who've been haunting the halls of Congress this week, but to the National Association of Real Estate boards. Collaborating with them are some of the most sinister—and this column uses that word sparingly — elements in American politics. There's Rep. Ralph Gwinn (R., N.Y.), who talks and writes the same language as the Bund, the Klan, and the rabble-rousing anti-Semites of Europe before Hitler was defeated.

There's the Committee for Constitutional.. Government — which fights every measure to spread enlightenment or to protect the voters from powerful interests. And there's the free mailing of reprint of millions of copies of anarticle in Readers Digest attacking rent control, written by a Frenchman of fascist background.

RUTHLESS PRESSURE

Not since the days of the Public Utility Holding Co. Act—when the New Deal fought and licked the power lobby—has there been such a display of cold, ruthless pressure. Then, Sen. Hugo Black discovered that the entire population of a New York cemetery had written demanding that Congress not regulate the power monopoly.

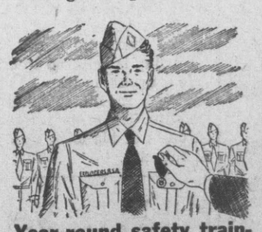
What crusading Senator this time will discover — perhaps too late—that the postcards now pouring in come from men and women whose only home is a plot in the local graveyard, where these deplorable shackles of rent control don't even apply?

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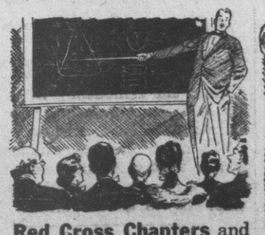
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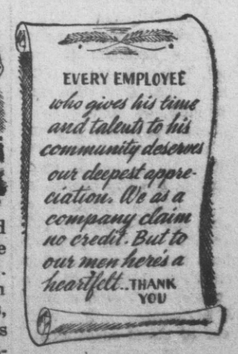
Here's Walt Storch of Oakland — Scout Master, Santa Claus, Red Cross Instructor... the pal and hero of more than a thousand kids. Like other P. G. and E. employees in scores of California towns, Walt has a civic hobby: his is helping children grow up. He has trained teen-age troopers for 21 years, shared their problems, attended their summer camps, led them on hiking and fishing trips. He contributes his own time generously to these activities. We're mighty proud of Walt Storch and other employees like him. They're the kind of men who make every town Boys' Town.



Year-round safety training qualifies P. G. and E. men to teach boys how to save lives. Our employees all over the system help Scouts earn merit badges in first-aid, safety and life-saving.



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AFL Workers in Oregon Get Pay Increase

Chalk up the first union pay boost won in Oregon in 1949 to the AFL building trades unions of Portland.

IBEW electricians got hourly wage increases of 35 cents, making their scale $2.35 an hour. The industry scale in the Bay Area for IBEW electricians is $2.45 an hour.

Lathers, carpenters and bricklayers have all signed contracts calling for increases of 25 cents.

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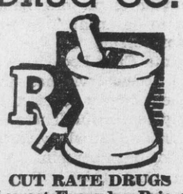
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TO ALL MEMBERS: Again we emphasize the drive that is taking place to divert as much Union business as we possibly can to Union houses where members of our Union are working under contracts. An intensive move to extend the benefits of Union security and Union organization to the automotive field such as service stations, parts houses, garages, etc., where automobiles are serviced, where gas, oil and tires are purchased, is presently taking place. It is the intention of your Union to step up the efforts of your Organization Committee to this particular field coming within the jurisdiction of our International Union.

Your Executive Board will discuss this matter at its next regular meeting; and to create a plan in order that serious consideration be given the organization of this division. This is a serious situation. Money spent for non-union goods and services harms the organized workers and helps those who are determined to break down unions. Most union members understand this. It is most important that in order to bring fair and aquitable conditions, in order that we may protect our members who work under contract with fair employers, in order to protect our own unity, that consideration be given to these houses which we refer to from time to time in our column. PATRONIZE THEM. Ask the gas station men to show you their union books; ask them for the shop card in their windows.

The following service stations and tire shops are organized: Sears Gas Station at Valley Center; Firestone at Monterey and San Luis Streets; Dean's Tire Shop; LaMar Bros.; Don Hultz, Harry Rhoades; and the Richfield Station directly across from Voss Motor Company. NO OTHER SHOP selling gas, oil or tires in Salinas is organized.

The following cab companies are union, and we ask that you patronize them only: Black and White, 5565; Checker Cab, 4866; Packard Cab, 8001; and Yellow Cab, 7337. When in Monterey, call Monterey Taxi or Rusty's Cab Service. These are the ONLY cab companies that are organized.

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Remember!!! Texhoma Cab and its subsidiaries such as Ace, City and Dependable cabs, are non-union. Their wages, hours and conditions, after a back-door deal was signed with Texhoma, are far below ours and such an agreement was arrived at while pickets of our union were at that place of business in order that our members be reinstated in their jobs. The Texhoma people wanted to do business with us on the basis that it did business with the CIO, but we refused to recognize it.

So remember that ONLY Black and White, Yellow, Checker and Packard cabs are union, and men driving for these cab companies are members of the Teamsters Union (AFL), with guaranteed wages, work day established, as well as conditions and vacations.

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Attention All Members: Salinas Central Labor Council (AFL) is going to put on a dance at the Birds Nest on March 25. Tickets are on sale at $1.25 each, at your union office. All proceeds are going to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. We ask that anyone who cares to attend this dance purchase tickets through your union office. We also ask that your contributions to the American Red Cross be made through your local union.

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Remember that beginning with the month of April your union will hold the regular monthly meetings at the Moose Hall, 121A Monterey Street, Salinas, the **second Tuesday** of every month, at 8 p.m. We will no longer meet at the Carpenters Hall.

Remember also that failure to attend at least one meeting quarterly, will make you subject to a $2.50 fine. An attendance record will be kept on all members attending the meetings. Remember to have your paid-up dues book with you or you will not be recognized at the door. This same condition applies to members in the Monterey area. Meetings for the Monterey group will be held as in the past, the second Thursday of each month, at 315 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. An attendance record will be kept for the Monterey group also.

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Your Recreation Committee is still selling tickets and a softball team will be organized in the local league very soon. In a short while applications will be taken at the union office in Salinas for any member who cares to play softball. At a later date the Sports Committee may extend their activities to take in bowling and hard ball.

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Do you have your insurance policy? As soon as you are a paid-up member in good standing you are to receive a policy from the union office in Salinas; if you have not received your policy, please contact the office.

When taking out an honorable withdrawal card, please remember that all dues, including the **current month,** must be paid before a card can be issued to you.

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Buy union-made goods—**patronize union services only!**

Tickets are now on sale at your local union office for the dance at the Birds Nest.

Give to the American Red Cross through your local union.

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NEWS ITEM

Brother Art Bernard made his debut in pictures last week on a movie set at Carmel Beach as wrangler for a group of donkeys.

Well, Art is a Teamster from away-back.

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VETS NEWS

The recent abolition of Veterans Administration branch offices will not affect service to northern California veterans, Robert P. Shields, manager of the San Francisco regional VA office, said this week.

Direct benefits for northern California veterans are handled by the San Francisco regional office, 49 Fourth Street, and 11 smaller offices in the northern part of the state. These offices have not been affected by the recent abolition of branch offices.

The VA regional office in San Francisco and VA offices at Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose and Fresno are equipped to handle medical and dental outpatient treatment for service connected disabilities, all inquiries or applications for VA-administered benefits, and G-I insurance collections.

In addition, VA representatives are stationed at VA offices in Eureka, Santa Rosa, Richmond, Redding, Vallejo and Salinas.

These offices handle all applications or inquiries for any VA benefit, but are not equipped for out-patient medical and dental service, or insurance collections.

Veterans will continue to mail G-I insurance premiums to 180 New Montgomery St., San Francisco.

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Question: Does Veterans Administration lend money to the veteran for the purchase of homes or businesses?

Answer: VA does not lend money to the veteran for homes or businesses. He makes his own arrangements for the loan through the usual financing channels. VA then guarantees the lender against loss up to 50 per cent of the loan, with a maximum guarantee of $4,000 on real estate and $2,000 on non-real estate loans.

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Question: Who is eligible for a federal grant to purchase or remodel a home?

Answer: Any veteran of war or peacetime service who served in the armed forces since April 21, 1898, and who has a permanent and total service-connected disability due to a spinal cord disease or injury, resulting in paralysis of the legs and the lower part of the body, is eligible to receive a federal grant for the purpose of purchasing or remodeling a specially adapted home.

Question: My brother, a World War II veteran, made valid application for an automobile under Public Law 663, 79th Congress, but he died before delivery of the car could be made. May it now be paid by the VA and delivered to his estate?

Answer: No. Payment for the car by VA is contingent upon its delivery to the veteran.

Question: I received a leg injury in an automobile accident recently which requires out-patient treatment. Will VA furnish the required treatment?

Answer: Out-patient treatment is is available only for service-connected disabilities.

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Question: I am a World War I veteran and have been working out my income tax report. Do I have to show my compensation from VA?

Answer: Disability compensation is exempt from federal income tax. However, this is a matter within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

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Question: I would like to know why the pension I had been receiving under the law is now called compensation?

Answer: Public Law 494, 79th Congress, provided that the term "compensation" be applied to all service-connected disability or death benefits paid through Veterans Administration.

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Question: What income limitation provision is attached to the pension I will get as the widow of a soldier who died in a Japanese prison?

Answer: No income provision are applicable to compensation payable for service-connected death.

LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary

All union members in the Salinas area are asked to make contributions to the Red Cross campaign through their union offices and union officials. Unions and officials have been supplied with necessary receipts, buttons and other material for collection of funds.

These donations are in addition to the benefit dance planned by the Central Labor Union of Monterey County for Friday night, March 25, at the Bird's Nest, at Salinas Airport, to raise extra funds for the Red Cross drive.

Remember — give generously to the Red Cross.

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Teamsters Union 890 has informed the labor council of plans to organize laundry drivers in the Salinas area. At present the only union laundry drivers serving Salinas are from Galland Laundry, which is located in Oakland.

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Teachers Union 1020 has contributed $10 to the labor council's fund to start a series of shows for children of the area, entertaining shows where the youngsters will be shown something of the benefits of labor unionism.

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Carl Lara gave the council an interesting report on the State Federation of Labor's political and legislative conference at Fresno.

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Purchase and donation of a dozen baseballs to the Cecil M. Anderson Post, American Legion, was an item of business at the last council meeting. The Legion has its own baseball team.

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

March 1, 1949.

Notes from the Central Labor Council meeting:

The Teamsters reported that they are to have a benefit dance in Salinas, March 25.

The Monterey Cab Company and Rusty's Cab Company are the only union cab companies in Monterey.

The Carmel Dairy and the Mission Dairy are Union establishments.

The Council instructed the Secretary to write the President asking for the discharge of Robert L. Denham from the National Labor Relations Board because of his prejudice and bias against labor.

Brothers Rice and Perry reported on the Fresno Conference of Feb. 26. The State Executive Council has voted against the Repeal of Proposition No. 4 passed at the last election. They report that Senate Bill No. 6 should be watched carefully by organized labor—this deals with the problem of safety.

The Fresno Conference has recommended that each council should appoint two or three members who would go to Sacramento any time on short notice to interview personally the members of the legislature when necessary.

The Fresno Conference also reccomended that each Council assess a per capita of ten cents per month for political action and that three cents of this should be sent to the State office.

The Union Oil Company has been reported on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles because of very bitter and unjust anti-labor policies.

The Bartenders and Culinary Alliance reported no new developments in the Pep Creamery dispute. The case is now being handled by their International. They reported that the Pep raised the wages of its employees the day after pickets were placed, though they are still much below the union scale.

WAYNE EDWARDS, Sec.

Labor Political Unity

New York.—Labor must remain in politics and give united support to liberal candidates and programs, Vice-President Al Hayes of International Association of Machinists told a conference of the Liberal Party here last week. Reaction in America is as strong and united as ever before in history, Hayes warned. He called upon unions to strengthen the flimsy political organizations which each formed before the last major election.

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

TO ALL MEMBERS:

All carpenters hired for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. job at Moss Landing are to be engaged through the offices of Carpenters Union 925.

No carpenter will be put to work on the job until he has first secured a work assignment from the union office.

A list of prospective workers on the big project has been started by Business Agent George R. Harter in the union offices. This list is made up according to the order in which carpenters ask for the work.

All orders for men for the PG&E job are made from the top of the list, but men who are in the union hall each morning get preference over those who do not show up.

Prospective workers at the PGE job must clear their books into Local 925 and then have names placed on the list for jobs. Then they must be on hand each morning for a work call.

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Local 925 has been asked to send six carpenters to the construction work at Soledad by the state prison there. Inasmuch as some state prisoners will still be working on nearby projects, decision on whether to send the men was left up to the union membership at this week's (Tuesday) meeting.

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Local 925 has 105 carpenters at the PGE job now and more calls for men are expected daily.

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In last week's column, it was stated that foremen on the PGE project are getting motion picture training at the union headquarters. This was in error. Actually the instruction and training is for PGE service men, not those employed in building the new PGE plant.

Thanks For a Job Well Done

Labor is grateful to Congressman John E. Fogarty (D., R. I.), chairman of the subcommittee on appropriations that handled the Labor Department budget. For the first time in many, many years, the Labor Department received adequate appropriations in line with its needs.

The full Appropriations Committee adopted Fogarty's report and the Labor Department appropriation passed the House.

It is now before the Senate.

As many of our readers know, Congressman Fogarty is a member of the Bricklayers' Union in Rhode Island.

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The Pressures on Congress

By JOSEPH D. KEENAN

The election last November was proof that the American people resented the attitude of the 80th Congress in refusing to pass much needed social legislation and in passing the un-American Taft-Hartley Act.

Yet, the same special interest lobbies which controlled the 80th Congress are swamping this Congress with a deluge of propaganda designed to mislead Congressmen into thinking that the American people don't want rent control or low cost housing . . . that Social Security and aid to education are communistic . . . that the Taft-Hartley Act is a fair law.

HOW THEY WORK

When I returned to Washington last week, I found my desk stacked with samples of what every Congressman gets in his mail every day. For instance, a leaflet called The Iron Curtain, prepared by Maurice Franks of the notorious National Labor-Management Foundation, calls the AFL attack on the Taft-Hartley Act a "Russian-style Iron Curtain . . . 'slave labor law' is a phony slogan." The leaflet says "The Labor big shots are telling Congress what you want. It is time to let go at them with a snow storm of letters."

A General Electric questionnaire, which is as loaded and as biased as the thoroughly repudiated Look Magazine questionnaire of 1947, is made up so that "individuals" can fill out the questionnaire, sign their name and send it to their Congressman. The Employers' Association of Chicago, as well as other business groups throughout the country, have reprinted this same questionnaire as their own for distribution to their employees. On one sample I have, the employer even provided an envelope on which the congressman's name and address was already printed. This same questionnaire was used by Radio Commentator Fulton Lewis Jr., as a "Quiz program" on February 24th.

Since Gerald Reilly, back-stage author of the Taft-Hartley Act, is now General Electric's $3000 a month lobbyist, it appears that this comany is rallying the anti-labor forces of big business.

YOU PAY FOR IT!

Some of the mail-lobbying is even going on by congressmen themselves. Anti-labor Representative Ralph Gwinn, New York, is setting a new record in his abuse of congressional free-mailing privileges. He is sending ou 2,250,000 copies of speeches in 900,000 letters attacking rent control, public housing, and federal aid to education. Gwinn's propaganda venture will cost the taxpayers approximately $31,000. All that Gwinn and his friends had to pay was a little less than $8,000 in cut-rate printing charges. It is reported that this mailing campaign is in behalf of the Committee for Constitutional Government and the National Apartment Owners' Association.

LLPE firmly believes that the voters expressed their will effectively last November. We had hoped that this congress might enact the "Fair Deal" and repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act without interference from outside pressure. But the pressure is worse than ever. Fortunately there are also personal sincere letters from the trade unionists and ordinary citizens back home assuring the liberal congressmen that the people are with them and will be out voting for them next election day. A personal letter from an AFL voter back home is worth a bundle of form letters from professional labor-baiters.

IBEW Wins Wage Hike At Long Is. Lighting Co.

Hempstead, N. Y.—A two-year contract covering AFL electrical workers employed by the Long Island Lighting Company and two subsidiaries has been approved by the company and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL).

The accord provides for a five per cent wage increase, retroactive to January 1, and an additional two and one-half per cent increase effective not later than July 1.

Now They Cut Output, Not Prices!

The wave of price cuts that hit the stores right after Christmas is now noticeably receding as the result of manufacturer curbs on production.

Evidence that many manufacturers are cutting output rather than reducing prices is piling up. These production curbs hit wage-earners on both cheeks. They mean layoffs. They also mean wage-earners must continue to pay record-high prices for suits and coats for themselves and families, and for house furnishings.

Here are the facts about production curbs:

Production of men's clothing is now running about 25 per cent below last year, business journals report.

But despite the drop in sales of men's clothing, American Woolen Co., world's largest manufacturer of mens wear fabrics, last week announced its new price list would show no reduction. This announcement blasted the hopes of clothing manufacturers, who had anticipated a cut in the cost of fabrics, especially since the textile workers union agreed to abide by an arbitration decision denying a wage increase. Moses Pendleton, president of the woolen company, admitted that sales of materials for men's clothing had fallen off, but the demand for women's clothing and Government orders still "enabled most of the company's mills to operate profitably." (Profitably is right. The company made a $16½ million profit in '48 even after setting aside $4 million for a reserve. This showing bettered even its 1949 boom profits of $16,270,000.)

It has also been announced that several leading Southern furniture factories are curtailing production while maintaining prices at present peaks. The manufacturers said this policy of "planned production" will eliminate any need for clearance sales such as those now taking place on bedroom sets particularly.

There's plenty of cotton now to make into clothes and household linens, but cotton mills too are not producing at the rate they could. In December, for example, the country's spindles worked only 8½ billion hours as compared to 9½ a year ago.

Women Workers Increase in Calif.

The number of women employed as factory workers in California manufacturing industries was higher in 1948 than 1947, representing the first annual increase to be registered since 1944, Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, announced today.

The total of 101,400 women production workers in 1948 was 2 percent above the 1947 average of 99,200 and 58 percent above the average of 66,400 in 1941. In 1944, manufacturing plants in the state employed a wartime peak average of 240,900 women wage earners.

In 1947-48 rise in female factory employment primarily reflected significant gains in the apparel and food products industries. Smaller increases were registered in textiles and stone, clay and glass products.

The largest year-to-year decrease was recorded in the aircraft industry. The machinery, rubber, and furniture industries indicated small losses in 1948.

The proportion of women in the total manufacturing force was 21 percent in 1948 compared with 15 percent in 1941.

In 1948, the food industry among the various manufacturing groups employed the largest average number of women production workers, 29,900, followed by apparel with an average of 29,000. These two industries together employed 58 percent of all female factory workers. The aircraft industry which had the largest female factory force during the war dropped to third place in 1948 with an average of 6,000.

In the Los Angeles Industrial area the trend of female factory employment was similar to that of the state as a whole. The first annual increase since 1943 was registered in 1948 when the average number of women wage earners in manufacturing industries in the area rose to 55,3000 from 54,000 in 1947.

The female factory force in San Francisco Bay industrial area manufacturing industries fell off slightly to an average of 24,200 in 1948 from 24,500 in the preceding year.

Wage Rise Agreement Ends Cannister Co. Strike

Phillipsburg, N. J.—Setlement of the month-old strike of 75 employes of the Container Division of Canister Co. was announced.

Mrs. Minnie Starner, president of Local 22480, Canister Workers, AFL, said a 1-year contract had been signed to take effect Mar. 1.

The contract provides an increase of 5 cents an hour until July 1 and an additional 3 cents after that date.

WHAT SCHOOLMEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LABOR UNIONS

By KERMIT EBY
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a series of three installments of an article which appeared in last month's issue of the American School Board Journal, the article reprinted in this paper at the suggestion of Earl Moorhead, secretary of San Jose Butchers' Union 506 and member of the San Jose Board of Education.)

All this discussion up to this point indicates that the worker, both historically and now, believes that education contributes an opportunity for advancement and the achievement of a fuller life. To many also it is a tool they can use or their children can use to advance in the social scale. This latter point is particularly true in the case of first generation Americans. I will never forget an experience which was mine some years ago when I tried to sell the South Shore Vocational High School (Chicago) and its in-service training program to a group of Slavic, Mexican and Negro American steelworker shop stewards. Their first question was, "Is Latin taught?" On inquiry, I discovered they were determined their children were not going into the shop and Latin was believed the prerequisite for law and medicine!

Again, it is not this personal faith in education as a means to the greater opportunity for the worker which I wish to discuss at this time. It is rather the belief on the part of the workers that contemporary education is too much tied to the status quo, and the teachers too often are the handmaids of what IS instead of what SHOULD BE.

Putting it bluntly, labor believes there is too much of a tendency on the part of educators to gloss over the ills of our acquisitive society. They want more men to eradicate the evils of today, informed, intelligent and aggressive workers, who know their rights and are willing to fight for them.

So, workers feel that schools and colleges and teachers are too much apart from the social order to which they the workers belong, too much an agent of the status quo. The more alert unionists are beginning to believe, furthermore, that the knowledge, values and beliefs which the schools transmit do not bring about the greatest good for the greatest number.

Because of this feeling, labor is determined in the future on being represented on more boards of education, and when informed will seek to ascertain if modern curricula give proper emphasis to labor and its problems, and how labor-management relations are handled in textbooks. Just recently a prominent labor leader indicated to me a willingness to spend a considerable sum of money to investigate bias in textbooks.

What I have said about the elementary and secondary schools is felt many times more emphatically in the case of colleges and universities and most of the professors. Consequently, there is a marked distrust of the intellectual in the ranks of labor. Even when he casts his lot with us, he is not to be trusted, I have often been told. He, the intellectual, has never voted with his feet, never actually participated in the struggle for a better world.

Recently, however, American colleges and universities have developed a real interest in Workers' Education. And in the future it may be the colleges and their liberal intellectuals who will give America's labor stimulus comparable to that given the British labor movement by the British intellectuals. It is certainly true that we need scientists who have the leisure to do research and arrive at conclusions free from the constant pressure of the daily crisis which prevails in most union offices.

Today, labor is seeking help for its most educational program by supporting a Labor Extension Bill comparable to that enjoyed by the farmers. This legislation would make possible a more thorough adult program for workers, and its support is indicative of labor's interest in education for self-improvement.

Teachers and school officials also should know that labor's interest in social legislation naturally leads it to an interest in the environmental factors which contribute to healthy children in a wholesome environment. Hot lunches, adequate play facilities, health clinics, proper housing, plus enough wages for Dad so Mother can look after the children, are all a part of labor's program.

It was just such an emphasis which prompted a friend of mine to say that England had a new privileged class—the perambulator class.

In a sentence, this point of view of labor can best be described as a conviction that the state has a responsibility for the welfare of its citizens, because, as Samuel Gompers once said when asked the aims of labor, "Labor wants more schoolhouses and fewer jails, more learning and less vice, more leisure and less greed, more justice and less revenge." Labor is a little more utopian than the rest of us, perhaps because it has enjoyed considerably less security.

These then are the trade unionists' goals—status, security, political decision—the kind of education which constributes to an understanding of contemporary problems and their ultimate solution. Labor, as I have indicated, is on the march. For better or worse, we are all tied up with its struggles. Sometimes the unscrupulous seize the revolution and create a new elite, despotic and tyrannical. Sometimes the revolution is guided by men who believe liberty is as important as security. The American labor movement has men of both kinds. It needs more of the kind who can use but not abuse power.

Frankly, at this point I become frightened. Contemporary labor leaders have great power. Many of them are isolated from the truth by favoring puppets. Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts labor leaders as absolutely as it does kings and dictators. And there is no assurance that a new elite rising from the ranks of labor would not abuse power. We need to know the truth and we need to develop in our schools, and in our unions, many more free and courageous minds who will insist upon truth in debate, rotation in office, and integrity in personal relations.

I close on this note of warning because too often we of a democratic persuasion are afraid of the rough and tumble and shun the responsibility of decision. We must get over this fear, for if we value our freedom, we must go where the decisions are made, play our part in making them. There is no better place today in the ranks of labor. This, too, we should know!

(Conclusion.)

the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, the Post Gazette, and the Pittsburgh Press, voted 207 to 32 to accept the pay increase and the three weeks vacation clause for men with more than five years service. The contract, which is for one year retroactive to January 1, will give the men $95 for day work on a 47½ hour week, and $99 for night jobs.



"JESSE JAMES" VICTIMS.—Smiling as they relate their experiences during a daring holdup of a Baltimore & Ohio train near Martinsburg, West Virginia, Maxine Camp and Evelyn Schabb find an interested listener in the train's conductor, R. D. Ricketts. The two men who committed the robbery later were captured in Washington.

Unfair List Outlawed?

By ROBERT W. GILBERT
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The National Labor Relations Board has just released **three separte opinions** by its members concerning what Chairman Paul M. Herzog describes as "the most important and difficult problem that the Board had encountered under the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947."

By a split vote of 3 to 2, the Kansas City District Council of Carpenters and its business agent were ordered to **"cease and desist" from striking, picketing, or circulating "We Do Not Patronize" lists** for the purpose of forcing Klassen and Hodgson, Inc., house erectors, to stop doing business with the Wadsworth Building Company, Inc., non-union manufacturers of pre-fabricated houses.

The **Klassen and Hodgson** case, defended for the Carpenters' Union by Kansas City Labor Attorney Clif Langsdale, and the **Sealright Pacific** case, which arose in Los Angeles and was defended before theNLRB by this writer, were the two A. F. of L. test cases on the constitutionality and interpretation of the "secondary boycott" restrictions of Section 8(b) (4) (A) of the Taft-Hartley Act.

PICKET, BOYCOTT

In both the Kansas City case, and the Los Angeles case, the U. S. District Courts issued injunctions early in 1948 against picketing and boycotting. The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Carpenters' injunction on November 2, 1948. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco upheld the **Sealright** injunction against Printing Specialties and Paper Converters Local 388 on December 13, 1948, declaring that Congress could constitutionally confine peaceful picketing" . . . to the premises of the employer with whom the dispute is in progress."

A petition for United States Supreme Court review of the 9th Circuit Court's ruling is now being prepared by Herbert Thatcher, counsel for the American Federation of Labor, Clarence Todd, State Federation attorney, and this writer, for the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and will be filed shortly.

The **Klassen** opinion of Board Members James J. Reynolds Jr. and J. Copeland Gray (former management officials who were added to the governmental agency when it was increased in size by the Taft-Hartley Act), declared that the "secondary boycott" ban of Section 8(b) (4) (A) is not qualified by the "free speech" proviso of Section 8(c). Under such an interpretation of the law, they state, "in no instance would this section, contrary to Congressional intent, reach peaceful picketing. . . ."

The two ex-businessmen meet the A. F. of L. contention that "product boycotts" ought to be exempted from the ban of Section 8(b) (4) (A) by declaring "the argument should be addressed to Congress."

"UNFAIR LISTS"

Dissenting Board Members John M. Houston and Abe Murdock (both former Congressmen), insist that the "free speech proviso" gives immunity to the Union's peaceful picketing and "We Do Not Patronize" list. The pair criticize the majority ruling as prohibiting ". . . not only peaceful picketing and 'We Do Not Patronize' lists, but advertisements in the newspapers, speeches over the radio, in public halls, and in auditoriums miles distant from any employer's plant."

Chairman Herzog, former head of the New York State Labor Relations Board, who cast the deciding vote agaisnt the A. F. of L. union, said in part:

"The means adopted by the union consisted of wholly uncoercive action and expression. . . . The means do not shock, and contain no threat of reprisal or promise of benefit. But the end has been declared unlawful in no uncertain terms. . . .

"Surely the Eightieth Congress was more interested in putting an end to the secondary boycott than in protecting peaceful picketing and 'do not patronize' lists. That being so, I have no choice, but to join in the conclusion reached by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Gray that the Carpenters have violated the Act as amended in 1947."

It should be stressed that the Labor Board, as "the administrative agency entrusted with the enforcement of the public policy embodied in the Act" did not consider or pass upon the constitutionality of Section 8(b) (4) (A). The questions arising under the First, Fifth, and Thirteenth Amendments, will have to be finally answered by the U. S. Supreme Court in the **Printing Specialties** case.

While the battle for Taft-Hartley repeal still rages in the Senate and House, Organized Labor must continue to resist these unconstitutional and repressive decisions issued under the cloak of authority of the 1947 anti-labor legislation.

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Cave drawings, made 50,000 years ago, show men with dog-like animals.

LOCAL 483 REPORTS

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE 483 MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Many of our members were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Brother George Klakamp, who passed away on Friday of last week. George had been a member of this local since 1937, and had maintained continuous good standing during that period of 12 years. His daughter, Mary Ann Prehoden, will receive the insurance and burial benefit through the local, which will amount to $11500. No information has yet been received as to the time and place of the final services, but many members have stated their intentions of attending, if at all possible.

The death of Brother Klakamp points out to the entire membership the great importance of maintaining good standing with the Union at all times. The union office has just completed the monthly task of mailing out delinquent notices to more than 40 of our members who have neglected to pay their dues and insurance during the past 60 days. These 40 workers would be entitled to no burial benefit, life insurance, or sick benefit in the event anything should happen to them. It is up to each member to add to the security of their family by keeping in good standing ALL THE TIME. Your three dollars paid before the 15th of every month will protect you and your family. Please don't take any chances—your loved ones may be the ones who will suffer as the result of your neglect.

The dispute with the Pep Fountain Restaurant was finally settled on Thursday, March 10th, in the Watsonville offices of the firm. A contract was agreed upon which provides for a modified Union Shop Agreement, with our standard wage rates now existing in the industry-wide agreement. It was also agreed that no penalties would be assessed against any of the Pep employees who have worked behind our picket lines during the four months of picketing. It is the duty and responsibility of each and every one of us, members of Local 483, to take these workers into our midst, and point out to them the benefits of Unionism. We have done that job in the past, and surely we can do better than ever now. Make it your business to develop friendly relations with these Pep Employees, and our past differences will be dissolved quickly.

The Union was able to carry on this dispute and gain the contract only because the great majority of our members believed in what we know to be right and good. The long hours of picketing were surely not real pleasures for any of us—but that sort of action is, infrequently, very necessary. Your secretary is proud indeed of the co-operation given by the membership, and extends his grateful and humble thanks to all of you who made this contract possible. And we can all be proud of the fact that our picket lines were kept up for four months without any single act of violence on the part of any individual or group. That sort of peaceful exertion of economic pressure is certain to gain our organization, and its members, additional respect from the community at large. We have proven that we will tackle a job, and stick with it until a fair settlement is reached. Such tenacity of purpose is deserving of respect, regardless of anyone's personal viewpoint.

There have been many questions asked concerning the Pep dispute as it pertains to Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Your secretary feels called upon to comment upon this situation.

It seems obvious that several Watsonville employers, banded together, made an attempt to divide the membership of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Local Union. And all the recent evidence indicates that their efforts to disrupt were partially successful. These employers gained a small victory over the Union membership, but I feel certain that this will prove a hollow victory. For seldom, if ever, does one group gain something at the expense of others without eventually sharing in the costs of that victory. As we often say, "Their chickens will come home to roost". The slander which has been directed against several of the union officers and members has not been "good business", nor has it been beneficial to anyone. It has been harmful to a few individuals, including both the slanderer and the slandered. Most important, it has been harmful to the great majority of the workers who comprise the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Local Union. The personality squabbles and individual conflicts which have been engendered by this disruptive action will inevitably return to plague the instigators of the whole dirty plot.

Yes, your secretary and your business agent have been bullied and threatened also. And the most disheartening factor is that of the threatening implications have come from members of our own International Union, who have sold out their union principles and become "boss stooges". Perhaps our conduct in handling some of these situations has not always been what it might have, or should have, been. We, too, are afflicted with human failings. Bue we will cerhuman failings. But we will cer-on good union principles—what is best for the greatest number—and let the chips fall where they may. And we know that good union members everywhere will respect that stand, and encourage our efforts to implement these principles.

The last regular membership meeting for March will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2:30 p.m. That is the day on which this paper should reach you. We have quite a number of important items of Union business to discuss, and your attendance will serve to make the meeting more effective and interesting. April meetings will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 8:30 p.m., and Wednesday, April 20, 2:30 p.m. Do your best to attend at least one of these meetings. And please remember—our Union Hall is the proper place to discuss Union business. Street corner "business agents" are numerous, as always, but they don't seem to serve any useful purpose!

The contract committee, composed of 18 members in addition to officers and executive board members, has been called for a meeting, and should have a report to make at the regular meeting of March 16. There are, as usual, many serious problems confronting the Local, and it is hoped that this committee will consider seriously all possibilities before making their recommendations to the membership.

The resignation of our Chaplain, Brother Gene King, was regretfully accepted by our Executive Board on March 9th. Brother King is transferring out of the Local, and thus will be ineligible for elective office. The vacancy will be filled, by election, at the next regular meeting.

Brother Bill Kelly, Carmel bartender who has been seriously ill for several months, has checked back in, and is looking fine. And another Carmel bartender, Brother Jack Humbert, who has also been very ill, is reported much improved. On the other hand, our President, Brothey "Peg" Macey, is still on the sick list, and isn't sure of when he will be able to resume his duties. Sisters Della Ervin and Margie True are still reported on the sick list. We wish all of these members a speedy recovery in order that they may get their shoulders to the wheel soon again.

Again, my sincere personal thanks to the great number of members who gave the Union office such excellent co-operation, and enabled their organization to do its job well. The cheerful, willing spirit displayed by so many members means just one thing: We do have a good organization, and we can well be proud of it.

GEORGE L. RICE,
Secretary.

Party Boats

Terminal Island.—Rockfish made up three-fourths of the catch from deep sea boats in January, reports the Bureau of Marine Fisheries, Division of Fish and Game.

Sport fishermen on boats operating from Santa Cruz, Monterey, Avila, Santa Monica, San Pedro, Long Beach, Newport and San Diego landed an average of eight fish each during the month. 2264 anglers hooked 17,360 fish, of which 13,090 were rockfish.

Party boat catches records submitted to the Division's Terminal Island laboratory show other species taken included:

1200 ocean whitefish; 1180 ling cod; 620 flounders, sole, sand dabs; 380 cabezone; 320 kelp bass, sand bass; 570 other varieties.

Robert D. Collyer, fisheries statistician, says most sportsmen are unabe to identify California rockfish, commonly mis-named rock cod. 50 species are found off the southern California coast ranging in color from black to yellow. Contrary to the habits of most fish, rockfish bear live young.

Simplest method of identifying rockfish, Collyer relates, is by the deeply notched dorsal, or back fin, which has 12 spines in the first part of the fin and one spine and soft rays in the second part. Another distinctive characteristic of the rockfish family is the bony support which extends from under the eye across the cheek just under the skin.

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A new bag limit of five abalones will be in effect when the season opened March 16, reminds the California Division of Fish and Game.

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